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SUBJECT: BONN ANTI-HIJACKING DECLARATION

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1. THIS MONRING USREP MET IN OFFICE OF FRG REPRESENTATIVE KRIEG WITH ITALIAN REPRESENTATIVE, U.K. REPRESENTATIVE JAPANESE REPRESENTATIVE, FRENCH REPRESENTATIVE, AND CANADIAN REPRESENTATIVE. CANADIAN AND FRENCH REPS WERE ACCOMPANIED BY LEGAL COUNSEL. BONN DECLARATION WAS DISCUSSED AND IT WAS DETERMINED THAT ONLY THE TEXT OF THE BONN DECLARATION WOULD BE FORMALLY PRESENTED TO PRESIDENT/ICAO FOR ICAO ARCHIVES AND REFERENCE.

2. CANADIAN REP PRESENTED USREP WITH NEWS STORY FROM "THE CITIZEN, "OTTAWA NEWSPAPER, SEPTEMBER 9, 1978, PAGE 73. TEXT FOLLOWS: QUOTE: WORLD HIJACKING PACT HITS SNAGS: LONDON (AP): THE SEVEN MAJOR NON-COMMUNIST INDUSTRIAL STATES THAT VOWED TWO MONTHS AGO TO RALLY WORLD SUPPORT FOR A GLOBAL ANTI-HIJACKING PACT HAVE RUN INTO SOME LEGAL AND POLITICAL SNAGS. QUOTE: SENIOR DIPLOMATS OF SEVERAL OF THE SEVEN GOVERNMENTS REPORT
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THAT ALTHOUGH SOME COUNTIRES LIKE AUSTRIA, DENMARK AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA SUPPORT THE IDEA IN PRINCIPLE OTHERS, INCLUDING INDIA, ALGERIA, LIBYA HAVE DISPLAYED COOLNESS.
QUOTE: INDIA HAS SAID THE PROJECT SHOULD BE DISCUSSED WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF THE UNITED NATIONS. ALGERIAN LEADERS, WHO ONCE WERE POLITICAL FUGITIVES THEMSELVES, DON'T LIKE THE IDEA OF DENYING SANCTUARY TO ANITICAL ACTIVISTS, ESPECIALLY ARABS. THE LIBYANS

APPEAR PLAINLY UNCOOPERATIVE.

QUOTE: BRITISH AND FRENCH AUTHORITIES HAVE WARNED THAT ARAB STATES WOULD BE ABLE TO ERECT AN AIR BARRIER BETWEEN EUROPE AND AFRICA OR THE MIDDLE EAST IN RETALIATION FOR ANY SANCTIONS IMPOSED ON COUNTRIES THAT PROVIDE A HAVEN FOR HIJACKERS. THE LONDON-PARIS VIEW IS THAT THIS MIGHT DO MORE HARM THAN GOOD TO THE WHOLE ENTERPRISE.

QUOTE: NEVERTHELESS, BRITAIN, FRANCE, THE US, WEST GERMANY, ITALY, CANADA AND JAPAN REMAIN RESOLVED TO ABIDE BY THE POLITICAL COMMITMENT THEY ASSUMED AT A MID-JULY ECONOMIC CONFERENCE IN BONN. THAT WAS WHERE THE CONCEPT OF A GLOBAL ANTI-HIJACKING PACT WAS LAUNCHED ON THE INITIATIVE OF PREMIER TAKEO FUKUDA OF JAPAN.

QUOTE: FUKUDA'S PROPOSAL, SWIFTLY SUPPORTED BY PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU OF CANADA AND CHANCELLOR HELMUT SCHMIDT OF WEST GERMANY, EVENTUALLY WAS CONTAINED IN A SEVEN-STATE DECLARATION. ITS CENTRAL AIM WAS TO DENY TERRORISTS WHO HIJACK AIRCRAFT A REFUGE ANYWHERE.

QUOTE: BRITISH AND WEST GERMANY DOPLOMATS HAVE SAID PRIVATELY THAT FUKUDA INTRODUCED HIS SCHEME WITHOUT EVEN CONSULTING HIS OWN GOVERNMENT. UNQUOTE.

3. NOTHING SIAD OR INDICATED AT THE MEETING THIS MORNING REFLECTED ANY OF THE THINKING SET OUT IN THE LONDON AP REPORT.

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